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Petition For Withdrawal Holding Of Abandonment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a)

Dear Sir:

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Applicants respectfully petition for withdrawal of the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application. No petition fee is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a).

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The present application was held to be abandoned by the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") for failure to pay the issue fee within three months from the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).

The reason that the issue fee was not paid is that the Notice of Allowance was never received.

The details surrounding the holding of abandonment are set forth below:

- (1) A review of the file in the above-identified application by the undersigned shows that the last paper received from the USPTO is an Office Action mailed on June 2, 2003. A response to the June 2, 2003 Office Action was mailed to the USPTO on August 29, 2003.
- (2) Applicants' received a Notice of Abandonment mailed on January 26, 2004. The Notice said that the application is abandoned because the Issue Fee was not paid within three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).
- (3) A search of the Patent Application Information Retrieval system of the USPTO shows a Notice of Allowance was mailed for the above-identified application on September 24, 2003. A representative at the USPTO confirmed that the Notice of Allowance was mailed on September 24, 2003. The due date for sending the issue fee to the USPTO would have been no later than December 24, 2003.
- (4) Our internal procedures for receiving and docketing mail from the USPTO has mail received at a P.O. Box and this mail is sent directly to the ExxonMobil Chemical Law Department mail room. When the mail is received in the Law Department mailroom, the mail is date stamped and sent to docketing for entry into Master Database. A docket

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sheet is printed and attached to the mail. The docket sheet and mail are attached to the proper file, all of which is then routed to the appropriate attorney.

- (5) At my request, docketing staff checked Master Data Center software, PC Master, for an entry indicating that a Notice of Allowance mailed on September 24, 2003 had been received and docketed. The docket number for the present application is 2001B099. A print out copy of the PC Master showing docket numbers having responses due from December 23 through December 26 is attached as Attachment A. The copy has no entry indicating that an issue fee was due for the above-identified application.
- (6) At my request, mailroom staff reviewed unfiled correspondence from the USPTO looking for the Notice of Allowances dated September 24, 2003. No such correspondence was found.
- (7) At my request, secretarial staff reviewed the files of related cases looking for the Notice of Allowance dated September 24, 2003. No such correspondence was found.
- (8) Applicants believe that the Notice of Allowance dated September 24, 2003, was never received by Applicants. Consequently, Applicants believe the Notice of Abandonment is improper.

It is respectfully requested that the holding of abandonment of this application be withdrawn and that the Notice of Allowance be remailed, according to MPEP 711.03(c)II.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee for this petition and any additional fee necessary for the withdraw of abandonment to Deposit Account 05-1712.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 18, 2004

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